

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A reduced footprint image producing machine comprising:
  - (a) Functional components including image forming apparatus, controllers and machine environment conditioning devices;
  - (b) a first frame containing some of said functional components and having a height suitable for an operator work surface located at a top of said first frame; and
  - (c) a second frame mounted onto a top of said first frame defining a footprint-reducing tower, said footprint-reducing tower, thereby preventing the addition of protrusions to a rear of said machine, and thus reducing the installed foot print of the machine.